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INSIG-1 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles: sc-44432-V

BACKGROUND

INSIG-1 and INSIG-2 play distinct roles in a negative-feedback mechanism for cholesterol synthesis. INSIG-1 is highly expressed in liver and fibroblast cell lines. INSIG-1 localizes to the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) and binds the sterol-sensing domain of SREBP cleavage-activating protein (SCAP). Sterol induces INSIG-1 binding to SCAP. INSIG-2, another ER protein, binds SCAP in a sterol-regulated manner. Thus, INSIG-1 and INSIG-2 block the export of SCAP from the ER and ultimately inhibit cholesterol synthesis by preventing the proteolytic processing of SREBPs by Golgi enzymes. INSIG-1 is encoded by the Insulin-induced gene (INSIG-1). INSIG-1 gene expression is suppressed by oxysterols and restored following the introduction of the hypocholesterolemic agent LY295427. The negative feedback mechanism is absent in mutant CHO cells with a point mutation in one SCAP allele within the sterol-sensing domain. The mutant cells constitutively cleave SREBP in the presence of sterols. The critical role of INSIG-1 and INSIG-2 in cholesterol metabolism may be exploited as a therapeutic effect for hypercholesterolemia.

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CHROMOSOMAL LOCATION

Genetic locus: INSIG1 (human) mapping to 7q36.2.

PRODUCT

INSIG-1 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles is a pool of concentrated, transduction-ready viral particles containing 3 target-specific constructs that encode 19-25 nt (plus hairpin) shRNA designed to knock down gene expression. Each vial contains 200 μ l frozen stock containing 1.0×10^6 infectious units of virus (IFU) in Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium with 25 mM HEPES pH 7.3. Suitable for 10-20 transductions. Also see INSIG-1 siRNA (h): sc-44432 and INSIG-1 shRNA Plasmid (h): sc-44432-SH as alternate gene silencing products.

STORAGE

Store lentiviral particles at -80°C . Stable for at least one year from the date of shipment. Once thawed, particles can be stored at 4°C for up to one week. Avoid repeated freeze thaw cycles.

APPLICATIONS

INSIG-1 shRNA (h) Lentiviral Particles is recommended for the inhibition of INSIG-1 expression in human cells.

SUPPORT REAGENTS

Control shRNA Lentiviral Particles: sc-108080. Available as 200 μ l frozen viral stock containing 1.0×10^6 infectious units of virus (IFU); contains an shRNA construct encoding a scrambled sequence that will not lead to the specific degradation of any known cellular mRNA.

GENE EXPRESSION MONITORING

INSIG-1 (A-9): sc-390504 is recommended as a control antibody for monitoring of INSIG-1 gene expression knockdown by Western Blotting (starting dilution 1:200, dilution range 1:100-1:1000) or immunofluorescence (starting dilution 1:50, dilution range 1:50-1:500).

To ensure optimal results, the following support (secondary) reagents are recommended: 1) Western Blotting: use goat anti-mouse IgG-HRP: sc-2005 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:32,000) or Cruz Marker™ compatible goat anti-mouse IgG-HRP: sc-2031 (dilution range: 1:2000-1:5000), Cruz Marker™ Molecular Weight Standards: sc-2035, TBS Blotto A Blocking Reagent: sc-2333 and Western Blotting Luminol Reagent: sc-2048. 2) Immunofluorescence: use goat anti-mouse IgG-FITC: sc-2010 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) or goat anti-mouse IgG-TR: sc-2781 (dilution range: 1:100-1:400) with UltraCruz™ Mounting Medium: sc-24941.

RT-PCR REAGENTS

Semi-quantitative RT-PCR may be performed to monitor INSIG-1 gene expression knockdown using RT-PCR Primer: INSIG-1 (h)-PR: sc-44432-PR (20 μ l, 454 bp). Annealing temperature for the primers should be $55-60^\circ\text{C}$ and the extension temperature should be $68-72^\circ\text{C}$.

BIOSAFETY

Lentiviral particles can be employed in standard Biosafety Level 2 tissue culture facilities (and should be treated with the same level of caution as with any other potentially infectious reagent). Lentiviral particles are replication-incompetent and are designed to self-inactivate after transduction and integration of shRNA constructs into genomic DNA of target cells.

RESEARCH USE

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